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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: DCI's Relationship with NIOs

1. I remain concerned that I'm not keeping up to speed enough on developments in many areas of the world which are below the threshold of the PDB/NID. I also don't feel that I have developed a close enough relationship and sense of reliance on the NIOs. To correct this, I wonder if you'd ask each NIO every Friday to give me not more than a one-page memorandum (and shorter is acceptable) with the following things in mind:

a. A review of trends in his area that seem to be evolving.

b. Mention of specific intelligence items that are not covered in the NID and which he does not know that I have been advised about by other means. This may lead to some duplication because I do read things other than the NID, but I would like to develop in the NIOs the sense of responsibility for my state of knowledge. They should try to keep book on me and whether I'm being kept abreast of important developments in their area.

2. I'd like to give this a try at least to see if it will accomplish the several purposes I mentioned above.


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